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Note: The Soviet Russian language Daily News on 26 October 1947 printed the following announcement: "All Polish citizens in Shanghai are invited to come and register. The registration will take place from 27 October 1947 to 7 November 1947, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily; on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration will take place at the temporary office of the Polish Citizens Union of Shanghai in Room 627, Cathay Mansions. The registration is compulsory for every Polish citizen. Photographs are requested for the membership cards. ----- Executive Committee of the Union.").

The Shanghai Polish community has begun registration upon orders from S. Kostanski, Acting Polish Charge d'Affaires in China. The official reasons given for the registration are: (1) To ascertain the exact number of Poles remaining in Shanghai, as many Poles have already migrated to the United States and to South America; (2) To prepare an emergency plan for the long-proposed repatriation to Poland of Shanghai Poles. Repatriation of Poles will be offered on a voluntary basis similar to that offered in the Soviet repatriation.

Kostarski made the following explanation to M. Zalewski, Chairman of the Shanghai Polish Citizens Association of New Poland (Warsaw Government), and D. Gnarpowski, Vice Chairman: (1) The registration must be considered as urgent and important because it is possible in the course of a few months that the USSR "will be obliged to sever relations with the United States and, as a consequence, with China." (2) As Poland will follow the line of Moscow it is natural that the Polish Government insist on knowing exactly how many loyal Poles are in China. (3) The USSR and Poland have agreed that all Polish subjects under the jurisdiction of the Polish Embassy in China will receive speedy transportation facilities if they express the desire to be repatriated. (4) It will soon be announced that those Poles who desire to be repatriated and have no funds will

Kostarski added, however, that all procedure for the repatriation depends on (1) the number of Poles to be repatriated and (2) the existence of a true desire of the Shanghai Poles to undergo repatriation. Kostarski has received information that the majority of Shanghai Poles intend to go to the United States or South America. If less than a hundred Poles express their desire to be repatriated, then the Polish Government prefers to send them to Poland individually rather than en masse.

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4. Zalewski states that only a few Poles in Shanghai are ready to proceed to Poland; the great majority of Shanghai Poles look forward to going to the United States, particularly local Polish Jews, who represent the majority of the Shanghai Polish community.
5. Gnarowski states that Kortarski is not pressing local Poles for repatriation to Poland but is interested primarily in finding out to what country each individual Pole in Shanghai intends to proceed and what opportunities or future possibilities each one has. Kortarski insisted that Zalewski and Gnarowski must make an investigation of each Pole unofficially and that Zalewski and Gnarowski are authorized to provide adequate funds for those Poles who need money and who can be trusted to be loyal to the New Poland.
6. Those Poles (Old Poles) in Shanghai who recognize the London Government are mostly long-time residents of China and are anti-Soviet. The Old Poles in Shanghai have been flooded with applications from the Shanghai Polish Citizens Association of New Poland in an effort to get them to establish membership with the New Poland group. A few of the Old Poles have accepted, but they are frowned upon by the majority of the London Poles who have started a registration of members to find out exactly how many are still in their group. 25X1
Note: The Old Poles in Shanghai are presently being registered by the International Refugee Organization (IRO) and given passports as displaced persons--in effect, as stateless subjects. Some Polish citizens in Shanghai who have previously issued papers have registered with the IRO and are desirous of getting IRO passports.)

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